

## Watching the Hearings

The Council will provide observer seating for those that wish to observe the hearings. However, only limited seating will be provided. Please only come to watch the hearings if it is necessary.

Seats for observers will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only people listed as participants in the hearing programme (when available) are allowed to speak during the hearings. Observers are not allowed to speak as part of the hearings.

If you want to attend as an observer, please let the Programme Officer if you plan to watch. Do not sit in any reserved seats—these are only for people taking part in the hearing.

## Livestreaming and Recording

There will be **no livestreaming or recording** of the hearings.

## Parking

Public parking is available via public car park **opposite** the venue, and Bootle Oriel Road rail station is a short walk away.

## Participants and Hot Seating

If you are taking part in the hearings, when available, please check the latest programme to confirm the hearing times.

You are responsible for checking the timetable and being on time.

The Programme Officer will endeavour to inform the participants of any late changes to the timetable, but it is the responsibility of participants to keep themselves up to date with the arrangements and programme.

You must also be ready to attend Reserve sessions listed in the programme. The Inspector will use these if any earlier sessions run out of time.

All participants need nameplates. Please make sure the Programme Officer has the names of your participant so she can prepare your nameplates in advance.

Please tell the Programme Officer the names of all your participants, including hot seaters.

The hearings will take place in Room G2. Please sign in at reception and Council Officers will escort you to the hearing room.

If you are listed as a participant or hot seater, a nameplate will be placed at your seat. This is your assigned seat—please do not move it or sit anywhere else.

The Planning Inspectorate has produced a short guide for anyone taking part in a Local Plan Examination for the first time:

[Local plans guide to taking part in examinations \(opens new window\)](#)

## **Accessibility**

Disabled toilets are available on each floor and accessible by lift.

If you have any specific needs, please tell the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

## **Plug Sockets**

Limited plug socket will be available. Please make sure any devices you need are fully charged before the session.